

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend the figures as shown in the enclosed replacement sheets. The attached sheets of formal drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2, and 5. Figure 1 has been amended to designate Figure 1 as "Prior Art." Figure 2 has been amended to remove copying ink and improve the clarity of Figure 2. Figure 5 has been amended to be formal.

**REMARKS**

Figure 1 has been submitted to show that Figure 1 indicates "Prior Art." Figures 2 and 5 have been submitted to replace drawings that were unclear or informal. These amendments have not been made in view of prior art, and no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

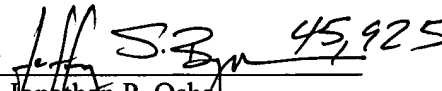
Claims 1-8 have been amended to correct minor errors, to remove numeric designations, and to place the claims in proper U.S. format. Further, claim 3 has been amended to remove a multiple dependency. Further, claim 8 has been amended to place the claim in a format closer to the format as originally submitted, while removing indefiniteness issues of a broad range limitation with a narrow range limitation. The amendments have been made based upon the text of the claims as amended by the Examiner's Amendment of June 6, 2006. These amendments have not been made in view of prior art, and no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner make French Patent publication FR-A-2602925 of record in this application. Applicant notes that in a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner confirmed that this reference was considered. Applicant has provided a form PTO/SB/08 for the Examiner's convenience. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the attached form PTO/SB/08 be initialed and returned.

Applicant believes that these amendments should be approved and entered without necessitating a withdrawal of the application from allowance. If other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17170/004001).

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